

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please amend paragraph [033] at page 9, line 13 as follows:**

Other embodiments contemplate a retractor having light transmitting elements in the body of the retractor, such as shown in FIG. 5. System 410 includes light source 12 coupled to a retractor 414 via link 16. Retractor 414 includes a body 418 defining a working channel or path 424 extending between and opening at proximal end 420 and distal end 422. Link 16 can be coupled to proximal end portion 434 in a direction that extends along the axis of the retractor. Retractor 414 includes a number of light transmitters 428 extending along body 418 between proximal end 420 and distal end 422. Light transmitters 428 can be fiber optic cable, light tubes, or other light transmitting element embeddable in the wall of body 418.~~body 18~~.

**Please amend paragraph [0035] beginning at page 10, line 4 as follows:**

Link 16 can include light transmitters 428 bundled therein for connection with light source 12 at the proximal or outer end of link 16. The distal end of link 16 can removably coupled or non-removably coupled with retractor 414 at or adjacent coupling portion 438.~~portion 436~~. In the illustrated embodiment of FIG. 5, light transmitting elements extend axially along body 418 of retractor 414.

**Please amend paragraph [0036] beginning at page 10, line 9 as follows:**

Other embodiments contemplate one or more light transmitting elements that extend transversely to body 418~~body 18~~ to radially disperse light in working channel 424. For example in FIG. 6, one or more light transmitting elements 528 can extend circumferentially around working channel 424 in body 418. A linking light transmitting element 530~~element 430~~ extends between light transmitting element 528 to deliver light thereto. In FIG. 7, one or more light transmitting elements 628 are spirally wound around working channel 424 in body 418.